

Chapter 19.785***Traffic Pattern Modification Measures*****19.785.010 Purpose**

The City declares its purpose to encourage through traffic to use freeways and arterial streets rather than local residential streets. In order to achieve this purpose, The City may implement traffic pattern modification measures to discourage the use of local residential streets where reasonably warranted.

19.785.020 Traffic Pattern Modification Measures

The following traffic pattern modification measures may be implemented subject to the procedures and findings contained in this Chapter:

- A. Converting two-way streets into one-way streets;
- B. Street closures;
- C. Addition of raised medians for traffic diverters and/or traffic circles to existing streets; and
- D. Any other modification measure consistent with the intent and purpose of this Chapter.

19.785.030 Procedures

Traffic Pattern Modification Measures applications shall be processed in accordance with the discretionary permit processing provisions as set forth in Chapters 19.650 (Approving Authority), 19.660 (General Application Processing Procedures), 19.670 (Notices and Hearings) and 19.680 (Appeals), 19.690 (Effective Dates) and other applicable Chapters of the Zoning Code.

19.785.040 Required Findings

The Planning Commission may approve a Traffic Pattern Modification Measure, including conditions of approval if, from the evidence presented at the public hearing, the following written findings can be made:

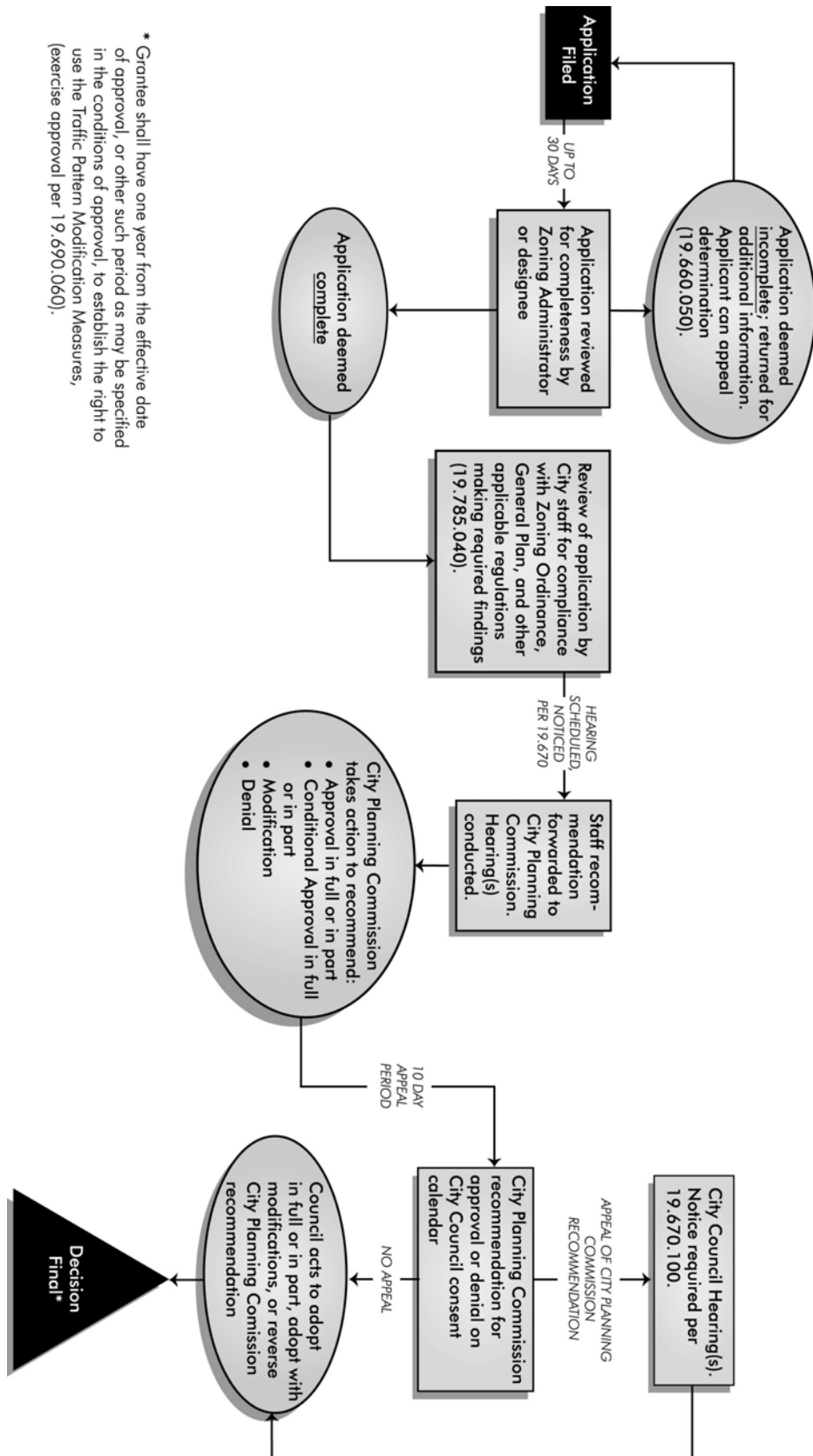
- A. The measure will provide for the health and safety of the citizenry and will not substantially impair the rendering of emergency and public services;
- B. The measures will not unreasonably interfere with general traffic circulation via the public rights-of-way designated as major and secondary streets in the Circulation Element of the General Plan;
- C. There is sufficient evidence to indicate that one or more of these conditions exist:

1. An abnormally high percentage of traffic is unrelated to the local neighborhood and is merely passing through;
 2. Street design or conditions permit excessive vehicular speeds;
 3. There is a separate street from the general neighborhood circulation pattern to preserve the unique character or adjacent properties, to encourage pedestrian, equestrian or non-motorized vehicular travel and/or to discourage crime, noise, air pollution, and other hazards to public safety and welfare; and
 4. In the case of street closure, a separate factual finding must be made that the street is no longer needed as contemplated by the California Vehicle Code Section 21101.
- D. The measures will not unreasonably restrict access to adjacent properties nor impair the constitutionally guaranteed rights of any individual or group. Releases may be acquired as determined by the City Attorney.
- E. The measures will not create an unacceptable internal circulation system characterized by any excessively long dead-end or cul-de-sac street, poor aesthetics, poor drainage, difficult maintenance requirements or poor street design geometry.

19.785.050 Conditions of Approval

- A. In approving a traffic pattern modification measure case, certain safeguards may be required and certain conditions established to protect the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare and to assure that the purposes of the Zoning Code shall be maintained with respect to the proposal, traffic characteristics and environmental impacts of the proposal within the general area the proposal is to be located.
- B. The conditions attached to the traffic pattern modification measure case may include such provisions concerning improvements, design, operation characteristic, land use compatibility, general character, appearance, environmental impact, time limits for commencing the construction authorized, revocation dates, and other conditions the Planning Commission may deem appropriate and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Zoning Code and Chapter.

19.785.060 Traffic Pattern Modification Measures Process in Flow Chart Form



* Grantee shall have one year from the effective date of approval, or other such period as may be specified in the conditions of approval, to establish the right to use the Traffic Pattern Modification Measures, (exercise approval per 19,690,060).